[2nd November 1931

Sanitary arrangements in Courtallam.

* 505 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and what facilities have been provided in Courtallam (Tinnevelly district) for the sanitary convenience and cleanliness for the large floating population that go over there seasonally and for religious festivals;

(*b*) whether any scheme of town-planning has been adopted for the residential area to prevent overcrowding; and

(*c*) whether suitable areas and gardens have been reserved and declared so for the use of the public?

A.—(*a*) A special committee consisting of the President, District Board, Tinnevelly, President, Taluk Board, Tinnevelly, and the President, Panchayat Board, Tenkasi, the District Health Officer, Tinnevelly, and the Trustees of the Courtallam temple has resolved to carry out the following improvements:—

(i) Construction of new latrines and urinals near the Falls, Temple, Local Fund choultries and other important places;

(ii) appointment of additional scavengers; and

(iii) introduction of private scavenging system throughout the area.

(*b*) The provisions of the Madras Town-Planning Act, 1920, were extended to Courtallam in 1926 and the Tenkasi Panchayat Board has been requested to take action for the preparation of a Town-Planning Scheme in respect of the area in Courtallam and submit the scheme to the Government for sanction. The Board proposes to take action shortly.

(*c*) No suitable area or gardens have been reserved for the use of the public.

Repairs to the cart-track running along battai poramboke in Keelanoor village.

* 506 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Adi-Dravidas of Perathur cheri have been praying for the last ten years to repair and put into cartable condition for their egress and ingress, the cart-track running along battai porambokes of Keelanoor village, No. 116, Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, connecting the cheris of Perathur and Vishnuvakkam villages with the Red Hills-Tiruvallur road, at the southern end of the causeway constructed across Kattangal in R.S. No. 462 of Keelanoor village;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said cart-track has been encroached upon by the adjacent wet land cultivator by fencing it with prickly-pears and that he was prosecuted by the Revenue Department and ordered to remove the prickly-pear growth before June 1929;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Tiruvallur Taluk Board sanctioned a sum of Rs. 600 for the renewal of the said cart-track known as Perathur or Vishnuvakkam cart-track;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the District Munsif of Tiruvallur has issued an injunction in July 1930, that neither a footpath nor a cart-track can be created across Kattangal other than the one that exists as a causeway in R.S. No. 462 of Keelanoor village;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Tiruvallur Taluk Board is contemplating to open a new road in R.S. Nos. 96 and 98 of Vishnuvakkam village abandoning the one in existence; and

(*f*) what action it is proposed to take for putting into a cartable condition the cart-track?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) Government have no information. The persons aggrieved should move the local boards concerned.

Medical

Retention on the active list of the Second Surgeon of the Madras General Hospital.

* 507 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Second Surgeon of the Madras General Hospital has been awarded damages by the Madras High Court for injuries sustained in a railway compartment and consequent incapacity to do certain kinds of important surgical operations; and

(*b*) if so, why that Surgeon is still being kept on the active list, and has not been invalidated?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) The incapacity was only temporary.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that this Surgeon has been permanently incapacitated for doing certain kinds of important operations? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Did not the High Court in their judgment say that he has been permanently incapacitated for doing certain kinds of important operations? Will the hon. Minister place a copy of the judgment on the table of the House? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—" I don't think they said so, Sir. The hon. Member may obtain a copy of the judgment if he likes."